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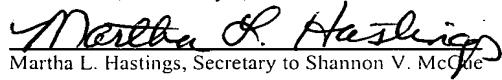
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of)
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KETLEV FRANZ SMITH)
Serial No. 10/693,567)
Filed: 10/25/2003)
For: UNIVERSAL COLLAR)

Group Art Unit 3754
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Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 (with Certificate of Mailing)
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2006, Applicants, through their attorney, reply as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.